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## ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2014

### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

The 2014 **corn** for grain crop was estimated at 7.50 million bushels, 13 percent below last year's production of 8.63 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 100.0 bushels per acre was 15.0 bushels per acre below the yield realized last year. Area harvested for grain in 2014, at 75,000 acres, was unchanged from last year. Acreage cut for corn silage was estimated at 51,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.12 million tons, compared with 943,000 tons produced last year.

**Oat** seedings in Montana totaled 45,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 16,000 acres for grain or seed, down 6,000 acres from 2013. Oat production totaled 1.10 million bushels in 2014, down 7 percent from last year. Oat yield is 69.0 bushels per acre in 2014, up 15.0 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Montana's **barley** seeded area, at 920,000 acres, is down 70,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 770,000 acres, is down 60,000 acres from 2013. Barley yield, at 58.0 bushels per acre, is up 6.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2014 is estimated at 44.7 million bushels, up 3 percent from the previous year.

**All wheat** production in Montana, estimated at 209.5 million bushels, is up 4 percent from 2013. All wheat yield was 37.1 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels per acre from a year ago. **Winter wheat** producers seeded 2.50 million acres in the fall of 2013 for harvest in 2014, up from 2.00 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain increased 340,000 acres to 2.24 million acres in 2014. Winter wheat production is estimated at 91.8 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 41.0 bushels per acre, is down 2.0 bushels per acre from last year. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 3.05 million acres, are up 100,000 acres from last year. Area harvested totaled 2.98 million acres, up from 2.83 million acres harvested last year. Spring wheat production is estimated at 104.3 million bushels, down less than 1 percent from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 35.0 bushels per acre, is down 2.0 bushels per acre from last year. **Durum wheat** seedings, at 435,000 acres, are down 15,000 acres from last year. Area harvested totaled 430,000 acres, down from 435,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 13.3 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 31.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushels per acre from last year.

**All hay** production for 2014 is estimated at 5.38 million tons, down 1 percent from the 2013 total. **Alfalfa hay** production was estimated at 3.89 million tons from 1.85 million acres harvested, down 75,000 tons from 2013. Average yield for the 2014 crop was 2.10 tons per acre, 0.10 ton per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 1.50 million tons from 880,000 acres harvested, down 4,000 tons from 2013. The average yield of 1.70 tons per acre was up 0.20 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Montana were estimated at 100,000 acres, unchanged from 2013.

As of December 1, producers in Montana were storing 4.60 million tons of **all hay**, down 2 percent from the 4.70 million tons stored last year.

Montana **canola** growers planted 63,000 acres in 2014, down 9,000 acres from 2013. Harvested area totaled 61,000 acres, down 8,000 acres from last year. The 2014 canola yield was 1,380 pounds per acre, down 160 pounds per acre from a year ago. Canola production totaled 84.2 million pounds, down from 106.3 million pounds in 2013. Montana's **flaxseed** production in 2014 was 425,000 bushels, up from 240,000 bushels a year ago. Growers planted 28,000 acres and harvested 25,000 acres in 2014, compared with 20,000 acres planted and 16,000 acres harvested in 2013. The average yield for 2014 was 17.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre from a year ago. Production of **safflower** in 2014 totaled 42.4 million pounds, compared with 38.9 million pounds in 2013. Planted acres were 54,000, up 18,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres were 50,500, compared with 35,000 acres in 2013. Safflower yield averaged 840 pounds per acre in 2014, down 270 pounds from last year.

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The state's **sugarbeet** crop of 1.44 million tons for 2014 was up 15 percent from the 1.25 million tons produced in 2013. Producers harvested 44,500 acres in 2014, up from 42,800 acres in 2013. Average yield was estimated at 32.3 tons per acre, 3.1 tons per acre above 2013.

Montana **potato** growers produced 3.62 million hundredweight of potatoes this year, up 5 percent from last year's crop. Average yield at 320 hundredweight per acre, was up 10 hundredweight per acre from last year's yield. Harvested area of 11,300 acres this year was 200 acres more than last year's harvested area.

**Dry edible bean** production was set at 603,000 hundredweight, 33 percent above the 2013 crop of 453,000 hundredweight. Average yield was estimated at 1,630 pounds per acre, 290 pounds below last year. Harvested area, at 37,000 acres, was 13,400 acres more than last year. **Pinto bean** production in 2014 was 128,000 hundredweight, down 7 percent from last year. Planted acreage was 6,000 acres, up 200 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 5,800 acres, is 100 acres above the previous year. The pinto bean yield was 2,200 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds per acre from last year. All **garbanzo bean** production, at 475,000 hundredweight, compared to 312,000 hundredweight in 2013. Planted area totaled 31,500 acres, up from 18,000 planted acres last year. Harvested area was 31,200 acres, compared with 17,700 acres last year. The yield was 1,520 pounds per acre, down 240 pounds per acre from last year's.

Montana's 2014 **lentil** production was 1.76 million hundredweight, compared with 1.94 million hundredweight a year ago. Planted area was 130,000 acres, with harvested area at 119,000 acres, compared with last year's 140,000 acres planted and 129,000 acres harvested. Lentil yield for 2014 was 1,480 pounds per acre, down 20 pounds per acre from 2013. **Dry edible pea** production for 2014 in Montana was 9.07 million hundredweight, up 28 percent from a year ago. Dry pea yield for 2014 was 1,800 pounds per acre, unchanged from 2013. Planted and harvested acreages were 525,000 and 504,000 acres, respectively. Last year, growers planted 440,000 acres and harvested 395,000 acres of dry peas. **Austrian winter pea** production in 2014 was 70,000 hundredweight, down 44 percent from last year. Planted area was 12,000 acres, 2,000 acres above a year ago. Harvested acreage, at 7,000 acres, was down 1,000 acres from 2013. The yield was 1,000 pounds per acre in 2014, compared with 1,550 pounds a year ago.

**Winter wheat seedings** last fall for the 2015 crop year are estimated at 2.30 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.

## UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** for grain production is estimated at a record 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but 3 percent above the revised 2013 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at a record high of 171.0 bushels per acre. This is down 2.4 bushels from the November forecast but 12.9 bushels above the revised 2013 average yield of 158.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 5 percent from the revised 2013 acreage. Corn **silage** production is estimated at 128 million tons for 2014, up 8 percent from 2013 and represents the highest production on record for the United States. The United States silage yield is estimated at 20.1 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons from 2013. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 6.37 million acres, up 1 percent from a year ago.

The 2014 **oat** production is estimated at 69.7 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2013 total but represents the fourth lowest production on record. Yield is estimated at 67.7 bushels per acre, up 3.6 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 1.03 million acres, is 2 percent above the previous year.

**Barley** production is estimated at 177 million bushels, down 18 percent from the 2013 total. Average yield per acre, at 72.4 bushels, is up 1.1 bushels from the previous year and represents the third highest yield on record for the United States. Producers seeded 2.98 million acres in 2014, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.44 million acres, is down 20 percent from 2013.

**All wheat** production totaled 2.03 billion bushels in 2014, down 5 percent from the 2013 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 46.4 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.7 bushels per acre, down 3.4 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2013 by type are winter wheat, 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent; other spring wheat, 595 million bushels, up 11 percent; and Durum wheat, 53.1 million bushels, down 8 percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2014 totaled 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent from the 2013 total. The United States yield, at 42.6 bushels per acre, is down 4.7 bushels from 2013. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous year. Production of **spring wheat** for 2014 is estimated at 595 million bushels, up 11 percent from the 2013 total. Harvested area totaled 12.7 million acres, up 12 percent from 2013. The United States yield is estimated at 46.7 bushels per acre, down slightly from 2013. Of the total production, 556 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 13 percent from 2013. Production of **Durum wheat** for 2014 is estimated at 53.1 million bushels, down 8 percent from the 2013 total. Grain area harvested totaled 1.34 million acres, down slightly from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 39.7 bushels per acre, down 3.6 bushels from 2013.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2014 is estimated at 139.8 million tons, down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 4 percent from the revised 2013 total. Area harvested is estimated at 57.1 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 1 percent from 2013. The average yield, at 2.45 tons per acre, is down 0.13 ton from the October forecast but up 0.12 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2014 is estimated at 61.4 million tons, down 5 percent from the October forecast but up 7 percent from the revised 2013 total. Harvested area, at 18.4 million acres, is up 1 percent from the October forecast and 4 percent above the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.33 tons per acre, 0.22 ton below the October forecast but up 0.09 ton from 2013. Production of **other hay** in 2014 totaled 78.4 million tons, down 7 percent from the October forecast but up less than 1 percent from the revised 2013 total. Harvested area, at 38.6 million acres, is down 2 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 2.03 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton from the October forecast but up 0.10 ton from 2013. Growers seeded 2.55 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2014, up 1 percent from 2013. This represents the third consecutive year of increased seeded area. The new seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures will normally be harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

Production of **canola** in 2014 is estimated at a record 2.51 billion pounds, up 14 percent from 2013 but down slightly from the October forecast. The average yield, at 1,614 pounds per acre, is down 134 pounds from the 2013 average yield and down 8 pounds from October. Planted area is estimated at 1.71 million acres, 27 percent above the previous year's acreage. Harvested area, at 1.56 million acres, is up 23 percent from 2013.

Production of **flaxseed** in 2014 totaled 6.37 million bushels, up 90 percent from last year and 10 percent higher than the amount produced in 2012. Harvested area totaled 302,000 acres in 2014, up 76 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield for 2014, at 21.1 bushels per acre, is up 1.6 bushels from 2013.

Production of **safflower** in 2014, at 209 million pounds, is down less than 1 percent from 2013 and represents the fifth lowest production since records began in 1991. Growers planted 181,500 acres in 2014, an increase of 3 percent from 2013. Harvested area, at 170,200 acres, is down 500 acres from the previous year. Average yield, at 1,226 pounds per acre, decreased 6 pounds from 2013.

**Sugarbeet** production for 2014 is estimated at 31.4 million tons, down slightly from the November 1 forecast and down 4 percent from last year revised production. Growers in the 10 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.16 million acres, down 3 percent from last year revised area. Harvested area, at 1.15 million acres, is down 1 percent from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 27.4 tons per acre, is unchanged from the November forecast but 1.0 ton below last year.

Production of **fall potatoes** for 2014 is estimated at 408 million cwt, up 1 percent from the November forecast and up 3 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 929,500 acres, is up slightly from the November forecast but slightly lower than last year. The average yield is estimated at 439 cwt per acre, unchanged from the November forecast but up 14 cwt from last year's yield.

Production of **dry edible beans** is estimated at 29.2 million cwt, up 19 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.72 million acres, up 26 percent from 2013. Harvested area is estimated at 1.67 million acres, 27 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,753 pounds per acre, a decrease of 114 pounds from last year's yield.

Production of **lentils** is estimated at 3.37 million cwt, down 33 percent from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 259,000 acres, down 25 percent from the previous year. Average yield is 1,300 pounds per acre, down 146 pounds from 2013.

Production of **dry edible peas** is estimated at 17.2 million cwt, up 10 percent from last year. Planted area, at 935,000 acres, and harvested area, at 899,500 acres, increased by 9 percent and 13 percent, respectively. Planted and harvested acreage and production are at record levels. Average yield is 1,907 pounds per acre, down 53 pounds from 2013.

Planted area of **Austrian winter peas** is estimated at 24,000 acres, up 33 percent from a year ago. Area harvested is 16,800 acres, up 19 percent from 2013. Yield, at 1,339 pounds per acre, is down 278 pounds from a year ago.

**Winter wheat** seeded area for 2015 is expected to total 40.5 million acres, down 5 percent from 2014. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.50 million; and White Winter, 3.48 million.

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